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1. US REP MET BRIEFLY ON SEPTEMBER 4 WITH REPS FROM NATO DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE NPG TECHNOLOGY STUDY. BECAUSE OF SOME SCHEDULING CONFLICTS, THE REPS AGREED TO HOLD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE US PAPER ON ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF TECHNOLOGY STUDY ON SEPTEMBER 20 INSTEAD OF SEPTEMBER 17 PROPOSED INITIALLY BY US (REF B).

2. WITH AGREEMENT OF ALL REPS PRESENT, US REP UNDERTOOK TO CIRCULATE THE US PAPER ON ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF THE TECHNOLOGY STUDY TO SHAPE AND SACLANT (PER PARA 1, REF C), AND ALSO TO CIRCULATE THE PAPER TO THE IS AND IMS. ALL REPS WELCOMED ATTENDANCE OF SHAPE, SACLANT, IS AND IMS REPS AT FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE TECHNOLOGY STUDY GROUP. COMMENT: MISSION WILL INVITE SHAPE, SACLANT, IS, AND IMS REPS TO ATTEND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. WE VISUALIZE THAT THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY PROJECT
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AS OBSERVERS, ALONG THE LINES OF THE PRACTICE FOLLOWED IN OTHER NPG STUDIES, E.G., THE WARSAW PACT STRATEGY AND DOCTRINE STUDY. END COMMENT.

3. MISSION REMINDS WASHINGTON THAT WE HAVE PROPOSED TO THE ALLIES TO HOLD THE FIRST MEETING OF THE FULL STUDY GROUP ON OCTOBER 2 (REF B). AS REQUESTED IN REF B, WE NEED CONFIRMATION THAT THIS DATE IS SATISFACTORY WITH WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS INFORMATION CONCERNING WASHINGTON REPS WHO WILL ATTEND MEETING. ALLIES WILL WANT TO KNOW, AMONG OTHER THINGS, LEVEL AT WHICH US WILL BE REPRESENTED. ASSUMING MEETING TAKES PLACE ON OCTOBER 2, US SHOULD DEVELOP AND CIRCULATE SOON AN AGENDA WHICH WE SUGGEST SHOULD INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF A PAPER (PRESUMABLY TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE US) ON THE TECHNOLOGIES INVOLVED, AND ORGANIZATION OF WORKING GROUPS AND ASSIGNMENT OF TASKS. IN SUM, A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF PREPARATORY WORK NEEDS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. MCAULIFFE

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